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Dear Planning Participant:

This letter is to inform you that I have made my final decision on the Selected Alternative for the Ucore Bokan Mountain Mining Plan of Operations, documented in the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI). Changes have been incorporated into the EA based on public comments received, primarily focusing on the description of the No Action alternative. The effective date of implementation of the decision, and the Notice of Rights to Appeal, are specified in the DN/FONSI.

I selected Alternative 2 from the Ucore Bokan Mountain Mining Plan of Operations Environmental Assessment which will allow track-mounted drilling of approximately 27 holes for geotechnical and environmental purposes, using temporary access trails as needed; allow 8 holes for helicopter supported geotechnical, environmental, and/or exploratory purposes, and the installation of a temporary 12 person camp.

The EA and DN/FONSI is available for review at the Craig Ranger District and online at: [http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=38138](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=38138).

As the District Ranger, I am responsible for this decision. I want to thank those who took the time to review and comment on the EA. Please contact me at 907-826-1600 or Sarah Samuelson at 907-789-6274 with questions or for more information. Your interest in the management of the Tongass National Forest is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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District Ranger

